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Inquiry: Thank you for sending a response to the institution I work for on the subject of RCP's hanging I.V.'s and preparing non-respiratory medications such as Dopamine and epinephrine. The Pharmacy department and Nursing department continue to request more clarification to this subject and whether a Respiratory Care Practitioner can (under California Scope of Practice) mix and set-up for I.V. delivery, non-respiratory medications such as Dopamine and epinephrine. When you sent me copies of the board's response to previous letters, I interpreted the response to define my question as a class #2 task which is within and RCP's scope, but training is recommended as defined by the individual situations. I would appreciate clarification to this question in order to resolve Pharmacy and Nursing's continued need for a clear definition.

Response: You have interpreted the Respiratory Care Board's response correctly. One other caveat should be added: all respiratory care practice activity should be under direction of the Medical Director or Medical Director approved protocols. Training is again emphasized.

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